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Important Upcoming Events

What: 3rd Rwanda Coding Academy Hackathon
When: October 2025
Where: Kigali-Rwanda

What: TVET Sub-Sector Working Group Meeting
When: October
Where: Kigali-Rwanda



700 Young Entrepreneurs in Kigali Graduated from Basic Business Training under the Skills Development Fund (SDF) Program

On Friday, 12th September 2025, a total of 700 young entrepreneurs operating in the informal sector across Kigali City successfully completed the Basic Business Training program, implemented under the Skills Development Fund (SDF) and funded by the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB), with 52% being female and 48% male.



Young Entrepreneurs during their graduation ceremony

The training, supported by various financial institutions and microfinance organizations, focused on enhancing financial literacy and business management skill. As a result for one month training :

- 26 savings groups were created, with members collectively saving about Rwf 3,358,000.
- Over 50% of graduates opened bank accounts.
- More than 75% began recording their business transactions.
- 30% started using online business platforms.
- 75% registered their businesses.



Partners and Young Entrepreneurs during graduation ceremony

Kick-Off Meeting Marks start of EDCF–Korea Exim Bank-Supported TVET Centres of Excellence Project

The Rwanda TVET Board (RTB), with support from the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) through Korea Exim Bank, officially launched the start of the EDCF project through the kick-off meeting for a major initiative to strengthen technical and vocational education in Rwanda.



Participants during the kick-off meeting in Kigali

The project will establish eight Centres of Excellence in TVET and provide modern equipment to 17 Technical Secondary Schools (TSS) across the country. The meeting was officiated by Pascal Gatabazi, Chief Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Education, alongside H.E. Jeong Woo Jin, Ambassador of Korea to Rwanda, and brought together key stakeholders.



This is a Sample design for the TVET Centre of Excellence to be established in Rwanda

Participants included representatives from the Ministry of ICT, MINECOFIN, Korean experts, and mayors and vice mayors of the districts hosting the Centres of Excellence Nyagatare, Bugesera, Karongi, Rubavu, Gicumbi, Burera, Huye, and Kamonyi. The session concluded with a strong commitment from all stakeholders to work together to ensure the project's success, reinforcing Rwanda's vision of developing a modern, inclusive, and market-driven TVET system that contributes to national socio-economic transformation.

Recognition of Prior Learning Initiative empowers Rwanda's Beauty and Aesthetics Practitioners through practical assessment

The Rwanda TVET Board, in partnership with the Hairdressers and Allied Workers Union (HAWU), through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program launched a six day assessment targeting professionals in the Beauty and Aesthetics sector. The six-day exercise, which commenced on 4th August 2025, brings together more than 300 candidates who are being assessed based on their skills and experiences acquired in the workplace.



Hairdressers and assessors during the assessment

Through this initiative, successful participants will receive certificates of competence that formally recognize their expertise, strengthen their employability, and open doors for career advancement. The program not only validates professional skills but also contributes to raising industry standards, ensuring that Rwanda's growing beauty sector continues to thrive with well-recognized and qualified practitioners.



Hairdressers during the assessment

RTB Welcomes EU-Funded PRO-S Delegation to Boost Agricultural TVET in Rwanda



EU delegation from the PRO-S project and RTB staff during the discussion

On 4th September 2025, the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB) welcomed a delegation of experts from the PRO-S project (Promoting Sustainability and Innovation in Agricultural TVET through Cross-Sectoral Cooperation), funded by the European Commission. The visit aimed to deepen collaboration between vocational education and training (VET) stakeholders in the European Union and Sub-Saharan Africa, with a particular focus on advancing sustainability and innovation in agricultural training.



Workshop tour by EU delegation from the PRO-S project at EFA Nyagahanga TSS

As part of their mission, the delegation toured EFA Nyagahanga TSS in Gatsibo District and Kisaro TSS in Rulindo District, where they observed how schools integrate innovation and sustainability into education and skills development. This visit followed the PRO-S training program held in Hungary from 8th to 17th June 2025, which exposed African educators to advanced teaching methodologies and training practices applied in the EU, fostering cross-continental knowledge exchange and capacity building.

Rwanda TVET Board scales Up Skills Development to Empower 15,000 Learners Nationwide

The Rwanda TVET Board, through the Skills Development Fund and in collaboration with 282 training institutions across the country, conducted training 15,000 individuals in practical, market-driven skills. This nationwide initiative was designed to boost employability and enable participants to create sustainable income-generating opportunities.



Young people were very curious and ready to benefit from the given opportunity

The program focuses on key interventions that address urgent labor market needs. These include Rapid Response Training to enhance the skills of the current workforce and prepare future employees for emerging investment opportunities; tailored programs for out-of-school youth, including industrial-based training, dual training, and internships; and skills upgrading initiatives targeting the informal sector through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).



The team was ready for the opportunity

Rwanda's Workplace Learning Success shared at VET Congress 2025 in Switzerland



RTB HoD, UWAMAHORO Solange during panel discussions at VET Congress 2025 in Switzerland

On 8th September 2025, a delegation from the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB) participated in the ongoing VET Congress 2025 in Switzerland. Representing the institution, Ms. Solange Uwamahoro, Head of the Training Management Department, joined as a panelist where she highlighted Rwanda's Dual TVET system and shared the country's achievements in advancing workplace learning.



RTB Delegation at VET Congress 2025 in Switzerland

In addition to the panel discussions, the RTB delegation engaged with representatives from 32 countries implementing diverse TVET models. These interactions provided a valuable platform for exchanging best practices and strengthening partnerships, paving the way for the continued development and institutionalization of Rwanda's Dual TVET system.

RTB Introduced Recognition of Prior Learning Assessments to strengthen Skills in Rwanda's Tailoring Industry

The Rwanda TVET Board, in partnership with Koblenz and the Rwanda Tailor's Association, has launched a one-week Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) practical assessment in tailoring. The program, taking place in Muhanga, has brought together more than 150 experienced craftsmen and women from across the country to have their workplace-acquired skills formally assessed and recognized.



Participants during the launch of a one week practical assessment

This initiative aimed to promote decent work by certifying skilled professionals, enhancing their employability, and creating greater opportunities for career growth. By recognizing and validating the expertise of tailors, the program also strengthens Rwanda's textile industry and contributes to the broader national agenda of building a skilled workforce that drives sustainable economic development.

KfW Phase IV & V Project set to upgrade 15 TVET Schools and Provide 4,000 Scholarships to the top-performing TVET students

On Tuesday, 12th August 2025, the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB), in partnership with Rwanda Polytechnic and the KfW team, hosted the official kickoff meeting for the KfW Phase IV & V project. The initiative is designed to accelerate technical and vocational skills development across the country by strengthening infrastructure, equipping institutions, and supporting learners.



Representatives during the KfW phase IV & V meeting

Under this phase, 15 TVET schools are set to be upgraded, including the establishment of a state-of-the-art Wood Technology Center at RP Kitabi College. In addition, 4,000 scholarships will be awarded to top-performing students, while four Rwanda Polytechnic colleges will be equipped with modern BTech equipment. By addressing both training capacity and access, the project is expected to significantly enhance Rwanda's TVET system and better prepare graduates for labor market demands.

Nationwide Workshop Kicks Off to strengthen Rwanda's Leather Value Chain



Facilitators and participants during workshop

The Rwanda TVET Board (RTB), in partnership with the Rwanda Development Board (RDB), Rwanda Standards Board (RSB), and the Ministry of Trade and Industry, launched a 5 day capacity-building workshop under the AfDB-supported project to boost Rwanda's leather value chain.



Interaction session for the participants during workshop

This initiative brings together key actors from across the leather value chain, including manufacturers, Small Medium Enterprises, and other stakeholders, with the aim of driving growth and improving competitiveness in the sector.

Stakeholder Meeting paves Way for Mutobo TSS Agricultural Transformation



Participants at the meeting in Mutobo TSS

On Friday, 12th September 2025, the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB) hosted a stakeholders' meeting at Mutobo TSS in Musanze District to advance plans to upgrade the school into a TVET Centre of Excellence in Agriculture. The session brought together key partners to discuss the project's framework and ensure a common understanding of its objectives, scope, and expected outcomes.



Participants at the meeting in Mutobo TSS

The meeting focused on clarifying roles and responsibilities among stakeholders to guarantee effective coordination and smooth project implementation..

Strategic Workshop sets Roadmap for TVET Centres of Excellence Under ISHEMA Project

From 22–26 September 2025, the Rwanda TVET Board (RTB), in partnership with Luxembourg Aid & Development, is convening a strategic workshop under the Improving Skills for Holistic Employment in Modern Agriculture (ISHEMA) Project. The week-long session, officially opened by the Deputy Director General Agaba Nassi Bisengo, aims to accelerate the operationalization of TVET Centres of Excellence (CoEs) established under the project.

The workshop focuses on defining stakeholder roles and responsibilities in the implementation of the ISHEMA project, reviewing the CoEs implementation framework, and setting out transition strategies to upgrade Mutobo TSS, Kinazi TSS, and Gitwe TSS into fully functional Centres of Excellence. By aligning priorities and strategies, the initiative seeks to strengthen agricultural TVET delivery, enhance skills for modern farming, and contribute to Rwanda’s long-term vision of professionalizing agriculture sector for sustainable socio-economic growth.



Participants at the workshop